

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) will hold a meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 1, 2004, from 9 am to 3:30 pm, and on June 2, 2004, from 9 am to 3:15 pm.

ADDRESSES: Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Room 705A, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ms. Emma English, Program Analyst, National Vaccine Program Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Room 725H, SW., Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690-5566.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 2101 of the Public Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa-1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services was mandated to establish the National Vaccine Program (NVP) to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through immunization and to achieve optimal prevention against adverse reactions to vaccines. The Secretary designated the Assistant Secretary for Health to serve as the Director, NVP. The National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) was established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director, NVP, on matters related to the program's responsibilities.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include: Pandemic Influenza and the Pandemic Influenza Response and Preparedness Plan, the NVAC Influenza Working Group's preliminary assessment of domestic influenza issues/needs, and the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) vaccine safety review. Updates will be given on the NVAC Working Group on Public Participation and from the NVAC Vaccine Safety and Communications Subcommittee, the NVAC Futures Vaccines Subcommittee, and the NVAC Immunization Coverage Subcommittee. A tentative agenda will

be made available May 20 for review on the NVPO Web site, <http://www.dhhs.gov/nvpo>.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals must provide a photo ID for entry into the Humphrey Building. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any members of the public who wish to have printed material distributed to NVAC members should submit materials to the Executive Secretary, NVAC, whose contact information is listed above prior to close of business May 25, 2004. Preregistration is required for both public attendance and comment. Any individual who wishes to attend the meeting and/or participate in the public comment session should email nvac@osophs.dhhs.gov.

Dated: May 10, 2004.

Bruce G. Gellin,

Director, National Vaccine Program Office, and Executive Secretary, National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Program Announcement 04126]

Vital Statistics Re-engineering Program; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award**A. Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program to enhance the ability of state-owned vital statistics systems to provide timely and high quality information to the National Vital Statistics System based on the newly-approved U.S. Standard Certificate for Birth and Death and the Report of Fetal Death. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.066.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to a public or private non-profit organization whose primary mission is the support of state vital statistics and vital records

programs. The National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) is one component of NCHS's health data collection program.

NCHS operates this System to fulfill its legislatively mandated mission to produce national vital statistics based on data from the nation's birth and death records. The NVSS is a cooperative, decentralized system in which data from over 6 million vital event records are collected each year by all states and U.S. territories and transmitted to the NCHS for processing and analysis. These records are state-owned and are provided through state-owned and operated registration systems. No federal constitutional mandate or law exists requiring states to collect and/or report birth and death information to NCHS.

Consequently, the collection of registration-based vital statistics at the national level depends on a cooperative relationship between states and the federal government. Since 1933, NAPHSIS and its predecessor organizations have collectively represented the states on policy and other agreements with the federal government. It is a professional, non-profit organization whose members include primarily, but not exclusively, the vital statistics registration executives and other employees of state registration offices. In addition to providing the states and territories with a common point of contact with the federal government, NAPHSIS also facilitates inter-state exchange of ideas, methods, and technology for the registration of vital events and dissemination of vital and other public health statistics. Since the inception of the NVSS Program, NAPHSIS has been the only national group whose decisions fully reflect the views of the state vital records offices and, accordingly, the state vital records office, generally adhere to NAPHSIS' policy and program decisions. As further evidence of its unique role with state vital statistics offices, NAPHSIS negotiates with NCHS on behalf of the states about the deliverables, schedule, quality, and other aspects of data provided for the NVSS. NAPHSIS is one of the affiliates of the Association of State and Territorial Health Organization.

Over the past two years, NCHS has jointly worked with NAPHSIS to develop national, model standards and guidelines for how states may best re-engineer their vital records systems to meet state and federal needs. Those standards and guidelines will be available in early 2004, when the task shifts to motivating each state and territory to implement standards-based systems. The implementation of re-

engineered systems in all states is a top priority of NCHS. Accomplishing this goal will: (1) Significantly increase the ability of the NVSS to be responsive to emerging public health needs and user demands; (2) result in more timely and higher quality data that better describe the population by enabling a faster and more efficient transfer of data as well as enhanced data integration among federal, state, and local entities; and (3) permit the various vital registration jurisdictions to implement the recently-approved U.S. Standard Certificates of Birth and Death, and Report of Fetal Death, thus providing the means to collect the most meaningful and uniform health information related to births and deaths. NCHS' ability to produce a national vital statistics dataset is dependent on all states fully reengineering their data collection systems and implementing the revised certificates and report. Because vital statistics is a decentralized, state-based system, we believe that the best and only effective strategy for convincing all states is by working through their own association, which is NAPHIS.

NAPHIS has a history of working collaboratively with NCHS and the other CIOs within CDC on vital statistics related initiatives. Some of these initiatives include:

- The NVSS contract and policy negotiations on deliverables/schedules/quality from state-owned vital statistics systems with CDC/NCHS
- The National Death Index Program with CDC/NCHS
- The "Improve State and Local Health Information Systems" cooperative agreement with CDC/EPO
- The Newborn Hearing Screening Project with CDC Center for Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities
- The National Electronic Disease Surveillance Project with CDC-NEDSS Program

This project has a relationship with two prior or ongoing CDC-funded activities. First, this project focuses on the development of detailed systems (or non-functional) requirements for a model vital statistics system, which is Phase II of the Re-engineering Project. In Phase I, NAPHIS was an active partner in the development of the functional requirements for the model system. Second, this project is related to the PHIN Project (previously NEDSS) currently underway in CDC. This project will be exploring the use of the PHIN messaging system with re-engineered vital statistics system, and will be developing guidelines on PHIN-compatible re-engineered vital statistics systems.

C. Funding

Approximately \$171,500 is available in FY 2004 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or before June 2004, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or questions about this announcement, contact:

Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For technical questions about this program, contact: Charles Rothwell, Project Officer, National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics, Room 7311, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, Telephone: 301-458-4468, E-mail: cjr4@cdc.gov.

Dated: May 11, 2004.

William P. Nichols,

Acting Director, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control, and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award Application K08.

Date: May 24, 2004.

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852. (Telephone conference call.)

Contact Person: Robert Bird, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Resources and Training Review Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6116 Executive Blvd., MSC 8328, Room 8113, Bethesda, MD 20892-8328. 301-496-7978, birdr@mail.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: May 10, 2004.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Early Detection Research Network Biomarkers Developmental Laboratories.

Date: July 7-8, 2004.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Timothy C. Meeker, MD, Scientific Review Administrator, Special Referral and Resources Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, 6116 Executive Boulevard, Room 8088, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 594-1279.